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In re Application of: Sandal et al.

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For: Method For Generating A Gene Library

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, kindly amend the application as set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, before the first line, insert

~~CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS~~

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 of Danish application PA 1998 01388 filed October 28, 1998 and of U.S. provisional no. 60/106,319, filed October 30, 1998, the contents of which are fully incorporated herein by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 4, 7, and 12 under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)(2)(ii) as follows:

4. (Amended) The method according to claim 2 [or 3], wherein the substrate comprises pectin, amylose, cellulose, galactose, xylose or arabinose or a combination thereof

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11. (Amended) The method according to claim 1[-6], wherein the growth conditions of step used for achieving the enrichment are pH 9-11 and temperature 50-70°C

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12. (Amended) The method of [any of] claim[s] 8 [to 11], wherein the pool of microorganisms is enriched by supplying feed to the animal or insect, which comprises a substrate for the polypeptide with an activity of interest.

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-27 are presented. In this amendment, claims 4, 7, and 12 are amended to correct multiple dependencies. No new matter is added.

It is believed that the claims are in condition for allowance, and a determination to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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